Mr. SPEAKER.—Why 'something'? Take it as a fact.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—Can the Minister treat us like school boys? He said, showing his finger "No ; you must take it like this".

Sri G. VEERAPPA.—The Minister pointing a finger amounts to a gesture that means an offence under 352, I.P.C.

Mr. SPEAKER.—There is no offence at all. Merely because the Minister made a gesture by pointing his finger, it does not mean that he is going to hit anybody. Hon'ble Member Sri Muckannappa or any member need not be so sensitive. In fact, there is no point of order involved.

Sri G. N. PUTTANNA.—A point of information. The Minister said just now whatever answer was given must be taken as a correct one. If one Minister gives some information, another Minister gives a different information on the same issue, could both be taken as true ?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—I was saying that the Hon'ble Member might take other opportunities to ventilate whatever he felts about the answer, but not utilise the question hour.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಪಿ. ರೇವಣ್ಣಸಿದ್ಧಪ್ಪ.—ತಾವು ಟೂರ್ ಮಾಡುವಾಗ ಯಾವ ಕೆರೆಗೆ ಏನಾಗಬೇಕೆಂದು ಭಾಷಣಮಾಡಿ ಬಂದು ಬಿಡುತ್ತೀರಿ. ಆಮೇಲೆ ನಾವು ಹಳ್ಳಿಯಕಡೆ ಸಂಚಾರ ಮಾಡುವುದು ಬಹಳ ಕಷ್ಟ.

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Instructions have been issued, whether petitions are given or not, that the officers must investigate all feasible tanks and take them up irrespective of the fact whether they are far or not. But if the Hon'ble Member wants this tank to be taken up, nothing prevents him from approaching the concerned authorities. Even granting that he does not do it, we have already appointed investigating units. They will go and investigate and restore the tanks.

Amount of Grant and Loan given to the Municipality of Melkote Town during 1952-56.

*Q.—14. Sri B. CHAMIAH (Pandavapura).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the total amount of grant and loan given to the Municipality of Melkote town in Pandavapura taluk during the years 1952-56 ;

(*b*) the purpose for which the said amount was sanctioned by the Government ;

(*c*) whether there was any misappropriation of this amount and if so how much ; and the persons responsible for the same ;

(*d*) the action taken by Government against them ?

A.—Sri T. SUBRAMANYA (Minister for Law, Labour and Local Government).—

(*a*) Total amount of grant during 1952-56 : Rs. 20,584.

Loan : Rs. 10,000.

(*b*) Grants were sanctioned for works relating to :

(*i*) formation of roads ;
(*ii*) construction of Bus stand;
(*iii*) formation of new road to the cattle fair ground ; and
(*iv*) for putting up additional taps.

The loan was sanctioned for the construction of shops in the Bus stand.

(*c*) Yes.

The Ex-President of the Municipality has misappropriated Rs. 721-10-9 out of the grant amount.

(*d*) The case is under enquiry before the Court of the First Class Magistrate, Srirangapatna.

†Sri T. SUBRAMANYA.—With reference to answer to (*c*), it must be "The Ex-President of the Municipality has, it is alleged, misappropriated." I add the words "it is alleged".

Mr. SPEAKER.—Before I allow any supplementaries on this question, I would like to know whether the case is pending in a court of law.

Sri T. SUBRAMANYA.—It is pending before a First Class Magistrate.

Sri G. VENKATAI GOWDA.—Who placed the charge-sheet ?

Sri T. SUBRAMANYA.—The Police.

Sri G. VENKATAI GOWDA.—Does it not mean that he has misappropriated ?

Sri T. SUBRAMANYA.—Not necessarily; that does not mean that there is a misappropriation.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಚಾಮಯ್ಯ.—ಯಾವಾಗ ಗೊತ್ತಾಯಿತು ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಟಿ. ಸುಬ್ರಮಣ್ಯ.—ಕೋರ್ಟಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಕೇಸು ಆಯಿತು. ಮಿಸ್‌ಅಪ್ರೊಪ್ರಿಯೆಷನ್ ಇದೆ ಎಂದು ಮೊದಲು ಗೊತ್ತಾಗಲಿಲ್ಲ. ದಾವ ಹಾಕಿದಮೇಲೆ, ಡಿಕ್ರಿ ಸೆಟಲ್ ಮಾಡಿದ ಆಫೀಸರ್ಸ್ ಎಕ್ಸ್-ಪ್ರೆಸಿಡೆಂಟ್ ಮೇಲೆ ಆಕ್ಷನ್ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಂಡು, ಅವನನ್ನು ಪೋಲೀಸಿಗೆ ಹ್ಯಾಂಡ್ ಓವರ್‌ಮಾಡಿದರು. I have no dates.

Introduction of total prohibition in Hassan District.

*Q.—26. Sri A. R. KARISIDDAPPA (Arsikere).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether they have received representations from the public urging for introducing total prohibition in Hassan District;

(*b*) whether they propose to introduce prohibition throughout Hassan District this year ?

A.—Sri N. RACHIAH (Minister for Social Welfare, Excise and Prohibition).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) This is under consideration of Government.

The Government policy has been announced through the Governor's Address, which the Hon'ble Member is aware of.

Sri A. R. KARISIDDAPPA.—May I know the number and the names of the taluks where prohibition has already been introduced in Hassan District ?

†Sri N. RACHIAH.—Arsikere, Channarayapatna, Holenarasipur and Hassan are the taluks where prohibition has to be introduced. The remaining taluks are prohibited.

Sri A. R. KARISIDDAPPA.—May I know when the prohibition is to be introduced in these four taluks ?

Sri N. RACHIAH.—The policy of the Government has already been announced through the Governor's Address according to which the entire district of Bidar is going to be prohibited from the next official year and also one taluk in Hassan District. With regard to the remaining taluks, Government will consider.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಜಿ. ನರಸಿಂಹೇಗೌಡ.—ಹಾಸನ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯ ನಾಲ್ಕು ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕುಗಳ ಪೈಕಿ ಯಾವ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಮದ್ಯಪಾನ ನಿರೋಧವನ್ನು ಪೂರ್ತಿಯಾಗಿ ಜಾರಿಗೆ ಕೊಡುತ್ತೀರಿ ?

Sri N. RACHIAH.—Government is examining.

Sri J. P. SARWESH.—Have Government received any representations from Bidar District for the introduction of prohibition there ?

Mr. SPEAKER.—True, the Hon'ble Minister just now said that Bidar was going to be included in the prohibited area. But that does not mean that Hon'ble Member can ask about Bidar.

Sri J. P. SARWESH.—With regard to clause (*a*) tne answer is "Yes".....

Mr. SPEAKER.—That is in respect of Hassan District.

Sri J. P. SARWESH.—When the Government have not received representations from Bidar why are they introducing prohibition there ? Government want to introduce prohibition in the area from where they have not received representations and not in the area from where they have received representations.

Mr. SPEAKER.—The member can ask the policy of Government whether they are going to introduce prohibition only in the area from where representations have come or also in the area from where representations have not come at all ?

Sri N. RACHIAH.—Government can introduce prohibition even without getting representations.

Sri C. M. ARUMUGHAM.—When do the Government expect to introduce total prohibition in the State ?

Sri N. RACHIAH.—While preparing the Second Five-Year Plan the State Government in consultation with the